

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KHARTO 03114 230751Z

55

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 /065 W

----- 064096

R 230720Z OCT 76

FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2789

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3114

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SU

SUBJECT: MORE STATE SECURITY TRIBUNAL VERDICTS

REF: KHARTOUM 2876

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. ANOTHER SET OF VERDICTS HAS BEEN ANNOUNED. SENTENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY KHARTOUM STATE SECURITY TRIBUNAL WHICH WAS IN SESSION BETWEEN AUG 26 AND OCT 3. SEVENTY-NINE DEFENDANTS INVOLVED IN EARLY JULY ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT WERE TRIED. SIX DEFENDANTS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING BETWEEN FIVE TO EIGHT YEARS. SIXTEEN DEFENDANTS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING BETWEEN TWO TO FOUR YEARS. TWENTY-NINE OTHERS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING BETWEEN TWO TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS. TWO DEFENDANTS WILL BE RELEASED IF THEY PAY A FINE RANGING BETWEEN 1,000 AND 50,000 SUDANESE POUNDS. TWENTY-SIX OTHERS WERE ACQUITTED.

END UNCLASSIFIED

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KHARTO 03114 230751Z

2. COMMENT: RELATIVELY LIGHT SENTENCES AND LARGE NUMBER

OF ACQUITTALS REFLECT FACT THAT MOST OF THE DEFENDANTS
WERE BUSINESSMEN WHO MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY OR UNKNOWINGLY
HELPED FINANCE OPERATION THROUGH USE OF NIL-VALUE IMPORT
LICENSES WHICH INVOLVED MAKING PAYMENTS OUTSIDE
SUDAN. APPARENTLY THE COUP LEADERS WERE ABLE TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS SYSTEM TO OBTAIN FUNDS, BUT THIS WAS
OFTEN WITHOUT WITTING PARTICIPATION OF MERCHANTS INVOLVED.
WITH THESE VERDICTS NOW ANNOUNCED, WE BELIEVE ONLY ONE
MORE SECURITY TRIAL REMAINS TO BE COMPLETED. AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS WHO WERE WOUNDED DURING COUP ATTEMPT
AND WHO UNTIL NOW WERE UNABLE TO STAND TRIAL, WILL NOW
HAVE THEIR CASES HEARD BY SPECIAL TRIBUNAL. BREWER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, COURT DECISIONS, TRIALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 OCT 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KHARTO03114
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760398-0328
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761021/aaaaarvl.tel
Line Count: 73
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 KHARTOUM 2876
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 JUN 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <18 OCT 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORE STATE SECURITY TRIBUNAL VERDICTS
TAGS: PINS, SU
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006